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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 June 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 June 2008 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-2 and 6-12, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tuohino et al. (US Pub. 2005/0259675).

Regarding claim 1, Tuohino et al. disclose a method of operating a push-to-talk service over a mobile wireless communication network, where a user of a mobile wireless terminal may select an automatic or manual answer mode for incoming session invitations for at least some other users, the method comprising:

including in the push-to-talk session invitation sent from a calling party to a called party, a manual answer mode request (par.043);

upon receipt of the session invitation at a push-to-talk server serving the called party, forwarding the invitation including the manual answer mode request to the called party regardless of any auto-answer mode setting for the called party (par.057); and

receiving the invitation at the called party, and generating an alert at the called party's terminal (par.059).

Regarding claim 2, Tuohino et al. disclose the signalling protocol used to establish and control push-to-talk sessions is the Session Initiation Protocol, and the invitation that contains the manual answer mode request is one of the Session Initiation Protocol INVITE (par.049) and REFER messages (par.046).

Regarding claim 6, Tuohino et al. disclose receiving a user prompt at the calling party to request manual answer mode, and as a result including the request in the invitation at the calling party (par.012).

Regarding claim 7, Tuohino et al. disclose said request at the calling party automatically (par.012).

Regarding claim 8, Tuohino et al. disclose said push-to-talk service is a push-to-talk over cellular service (par.012).

Regarding claim 9, Tuohino et al. disclose including a manual answer mode request in an invitation sent by the terminal to a peer terminal (par.012).

Regarding claim 10, Tuohino et al. disclose a method of operating a push-to-talk server within a mobile wireless communication network, the method comprising receiving a push-to-talk invitation from a calling client terminal, the invitation including a manual answer mode request, forwarding the request including the manual answer mode request to the called client terminal, and awaiting receipt of an answer message from the called client terminal before proceeding with session establishment (par.012-013).

Regarding claim 11, Tuohino et al. disclose a mobile wireless terminal having a processor and memory configured to facilitate participation of the terminal in a push-to-talk session facilitated by a mobile wireless communication network, and a user interface for

allowing a user to interact with the processor and memory, the processor being arranged to receive a user input from the user interface initiating a push-to-talk session, to generate a push-to-talk invitation for sending to a called terminal and to include in the invitation a manual answer mode request, and to send the invitation to the called terminal (par.012-013, 031).

Regarding claim 12, Tuohino et al. disclose a push-to-talk server for use in a mobile wireless communication network to provide a push-to-talk service to wireless mobile terminals, the server comprising: an input for receiving a push-to-talk invitation from a first wireless mobile terminal destined for a second wireless mobile terminal, where the invitation may include a manual answer mode request; an output for forwarding a received push-to-talk invitation to a second, destination wireless mobile terminal; and a processor programmed to determine whether or not a received invitation includes a manual answer mode request and, if so and if an automatic answer mode has been set for the second wireless mobile terminal, overriding the automatic mode setting and forwarding the invitation to the second wireless terminal including the manual answer mode request via said output (par.012-013, 057, a processor is inherent for a server to perform steps of receiving and forwarding invitation message).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuohino et al. (US Pub. 2005/0259675) in view of Black (US Pub. 2004/0057449)..

Regarding claims 3-5, Tuohino et al. fail to disclose the push-to-talk session invitation is forwarded by said push-to-talk server to the called party only following an authorisation procedure carried out by the server.

Black discloses the push-to-talk session invitation is forwarded by said push-to-talk server to the called party only following an authorisation procedure carried out by the server (par.028, 081). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Tuohino et al. with the above teaching of Black in order to provide authentication and guard against eavesdropping.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7883.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Tu X Nguyen/

Examiner, Art Unit 2618

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